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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Airlift Support for Project [REDACTED]

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1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. The Office of Special Activities in conjunction with the Office of Research and Development and the [REDACTED] DDP, has been investigating the possible use of [REDACTED] assets for airlift support of Project [REDACTED]. These investigations have led to the determination that [REDACTED] could satisfy the [REDACTED] project support airlift requirements. These airlift requirements include: passenger transport to and from Area 51, an airborne relay platform, and a chase aircraft for the [REDACTED] vehicle.

3. [REDACTED] assets that could be used to satisfy the stated airlift requirements are DC6B's, C46's, Jet Ranger Helicopter, Porter and other S. T. O. L. aircraft. [REDACTED] has forwarded by message (copy attached) their estimated cost for support of this program during the flight test phase (April 70 - Dec. 70). The \$222,000 approximate cost for the DC-6 and Jet Ranger airlift support combination for 7 months of test phase appears to be very reasonable. There is a good possibility that savings can be made on these cost figures by the careful scheduling of the [REDACTED] aircraft against the [REDACTED] airlift requirements. [REDACTED] these aircraft is between \$670 and \$750 per hour for the DC-6, and \$250 to \$300 per hour for the Jet Ranger Helicopter. [REDACTED] price to us is \$575 per hour for the D [REDACTED] and \$220 per hour for the Jet Ranger Helicopter, which is considerably below their normal [REDACTED] return.

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4. While it is apparent that the initial airlift support requirements are for the flight test phase of the project by ORD, it should be mentioned that many of the requirements will continue to exist during the follow-on phases of the project. OSA for example, will need an [redacted] and some personnel transport during the validation and training phase of [redacted]. It is also conceivable that [redacted] assets could be used during the operational phases of the project. The following are additional advantages in using [redacted] support:

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a. [redacted] personnel now meet security standards required to support this project.

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Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Attachment:

As stated

CONCUR:

[redacted]
Director of Research and Development

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APPROVED:

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